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# PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

## SECOND SESSION

OF THE

## PLEASANT GROVE

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT NEW BETHEL.

April 19–21, 1867.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

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FRIDAY MORNING, *April* 19, 1867.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder R. P. Martin, from Romans 1: 16, after which brother Elijah Jones sang and led in prayer.

The Moderator being deprived of education, we failed to have reading before calling the names of the churches and enrolling the names of the delegates present, viz:

*Pleasant Grove*—Asa Cousans, Nelson J. Cousans, Wm. Cousans and William Moss.

*Lea's Chapel*—Watte Johnson.

*New Bethel*—Philip Wilson, Henderson Luster, Dudley Williams.

*Milton*—Greene Jackson and Nathaniel Wooden.

*Cedar Grove*—Stephen Williams and Thomas Pointer.

*Sinama*—Wm. Tyler, Sr., Wm. Tyler, Jr., and Presley Day.

*Oak Grove*—Thos. Curtis, John Norwood and Elijah Howell.

*Antioch*—Burl Jones, Wm. Moss and Albert Montague.

*Atkins' Grove*—Monroe Alexander, James Ellis and James Alexander.

*Ephesus Chapel*—Amsted Greene, William McGhee and Sidney Williams.

*Salisbury*—No delegates present.

*Hillsboro*—No delegates present.

Brother Wm. Moss was unanimously elected Moderator, and John F. Woodie Clerk.

On motion brother Asa Cousins was elected Treasurer.

By request, brother R. P. Martin read the Constitution.

Singing and prayer by brother Cuffee Mayo.

On motion the Association then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met and was opened by singing and prayer, conducted by Nathaniel Wooden.

Brief remarks were made by Elder R. P. Martin to the Churches, for the purpose of obtaining funds to procure Bibles and hymn books, for the use of the different churches.

On motion, it was unanimously adopted that each church should furnish the sum of five dollars for the above stated purpose.

On motion of brother Henderson Luster, Elder R. P. Martin was elected Bible Agent for the Association.

On motion of brother Wm. Moss, the following brethren were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions, viz: Elder R. P. Martin, Greene Jackson, Nathaniel Wooden, Cuffee Mayo and Elijah Jones.

After one hour in conference, the Association was addressed by brother Edmund Howard, from Exodus xx: 2, 3, followed by brother Cumbrey Ellis. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

After singing and prayer by brother Cuffee Mayo, the Association adjourned to meet the following day, at 9 A. M.

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SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met and was opened with religious exercises, conducted by brother Cousans.

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The moderator took the chair and called the Association to order. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion the Clerk read the report of the committee and it was unanimously adopted.

Brother Martin remarked that it being his birth day, and led to think of God's mercy in sparing him, he felt it his duty to address them, which he did, from Luke XII: 32.

He was followed by Cuffee Mayo, from Romans VI: 7.

Brother N. Wooden led in singing. After prayer by brother Howell, the Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met and was opened by singing and prayer, conducted by brother Dudley Williams.

On motion Elder R. P. Martin read the letters from the following Churches:

1st. Pleasant Grove, was organized on the 7th of October, 1866, with twelve members, now numbers thirty-eight. Pastor, Elder R. P. Martin.

2nd. Lea's Chapel, was organized on the 20th of October, 1866, with the same, now numbers fifty-five. Pastor R. P. Martin.

3rd. New Bethel, was organized October 14th, 1866, with twelve members, now numbers upwards of one hundred. Pastor, Elder Martin.

4th. Cedar Grove, number not known. Pastor, Alex. Howell.

5th. Sinema, was organized Nov. 18th, 1866, with twelve members, now eighteen. Pastor, Cuffee Mayo.

6th. Oak Grove, was organized October, 1866, it now numbers twenty-five. Pastor, Alex. Howell.

7th. Antioch, was organized February, 1867, with twelve

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members, now numbers thirty-one. Pastor, Harry Crews.

8th. Atkins' Grove, was organized 1867, now numbers forty four. Pastor, Combrey Ellis.

9th. Ephesus Church, newly organized, number not known. Pastor Elder R. P. Martin.

10th. Milton Chapel, number not known. Pastor, Greene Jackson.

11th. Hillsboro, was organized February, 1867, number not known. Pastor, Rev. H. Horton.

12th. Salisbury, organized in 1867, now numbers one hundred and thirty. Pastor, Rev. Harry Cowans.

The brethren from most of the churches report that they have no Sabbath School, for want of both books and teachers.

After one hour's conference at the Church, Elder R. P. Martin retired to a private house to examine the following brethren, who felt they were called to labor in their Master's vineyard, viz:

Combrey Ellis, Cuffee Mayo, Alex. Howell, Edmund Howard, Harry Crews, Elijah Jones, Greene Jackson.

On motion, the Association appointed Harry Cowan and Z. Horton Presbyters, and R. P. Martin, Elder, who are to pass through the entire field three times a year, to look after the condition of the churches.

On motion, Elder R. P. Martin was appointed Agent to procure a religious periodical for each of the ministers who have charge over each of the churches.

It was moved and adopted that there be three District Meetings held the succeeding year.

The first to be held at Antioch, Granville county, on the first Friday and Saturday of September next.

The second at Lea's Chapel, Caswell county, the last Friday and Saturday of September next.

The third at Salisbury, the second Friday and Saturday in October.

Elder R. P. Martin and Presbytery may be expected to attend these meetings.

Moved and adopted that brother Harry Cowans preach the introductory sermon for the next meeting of the Association.

An invitation from several churches being extended to this Association to meet with them next session, it was moved that we meet at Lea's Chapel, (ten miles West of Roxborough,) in Caswell county, the first Thursday in August, 1868.

After brief remarks from several of the brethren, the Association adjourned, to meet at Lea's Chapel the first Thursday in August, 1868.

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SABBATH 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

We met at the Church. Elder R. P. Martin preached from Acts x: 47. Brother Alex. Howell, at 11 o'clock, preached from Acts III: 13. At 12 o'clock we repaired to the water, where Elder Martin baptized thirty-two persons upon the confession of their faith.

The proceedings throughout the entire session was marked with good order and decorum.

WILLIAM MOSS, MODERATOR.

JOHN F. WOODIE, *Clerk.*

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Pleasant Grove Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of, first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have pastoral charge of the churches within this Associational District, who shall be members of the Association ex-officio. Secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches, certifying their appointment, in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches, showing their additions, losses and change of membership, since the last Annual Association.

ART. 3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint, and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the last two offices, however may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed, and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

ART. 6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and, in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ART. 7. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART 8. A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members ex-officio.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the Committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive: and, any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof, who may not concur in that decision.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the Committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the Committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

Art. 11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

Art. 12. No member of any church in this Association, shall be ordained without some education and gift for the work.

Art. 13. The Constitution may be altered or amended at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

Art. 14. The power of appointing Presbyters for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

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# RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day, during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4, The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other members.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any

matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, nor walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A Select Committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

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## List of Ministers and their Post Offices.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | POST OFFICE. |
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| Pleasant Grove, | R. P. Martin, | Roxboro, Person co., N. C. |
| Lea's Chapel, | " " | " " " |
| New Bethel, | " " | " " " |
| Ephesus Chapel, | " " | " " " |
| Milton Chapel, | Greene Jackson, | Milton, Caswell co., N. C. |
| Cedar Grove, | Alex. Howell, | Oxford, Granville co., N. C. |
| Oak Grove, | " " | " " " |
| Sinema, | Cuffee Mayo, | " " " |
| Antioch, | Harry Crews, | Tally Ho, " " |
| Hil'sboro', | Zack Horton, | Salisbury, N. C. |
| Yadkin's Grove, | Cumbrey Ellis, | " " |
| Salisbury, | Harry Cowans, | " " |